



# Grand Blanc High School Robotics Team



## 2015 "Kettering Kickoff" Event Information and Agenda

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Hey, NERDs!

School is underway, and we're almost ready to retire "Scorpion" ...but before we do, it's time for our second-to-last off-season event, Kettering Kickoff! This event is a great opportunity for VEX Students and their family to become acquainted with *FIRST* Robotics and experience a competition; and this event, while on a smaller scale than traditional *FIRST* Events, will allow new Students to decide whether or not the Grand Blanc High School Robotics *FIRST* Team is the place for them. VEX Students, as well as new Students and their families are encouraged to participate in the event, watch matches, peruse the Pit Area, cheer with the Team, and have a great time. Should Students decide that *FIRST* is not the place for them, the VEX Teams are still open for membership, and will continue to meet through April.

Please review the following information regarding the Kickoff event. And as always, please feel free to contact either Head Mentor with any questions you may have, via the information listed above. E-mail or Text Message is generally the best way to get in touch with us.

Thanks,  
Clinton and Brandi

### Event Details:

Required Forms (due on or before Monday, September 14, 2014):

1. All GBHS students (including those over the age of 18) are required to turn in a permission slip in order to attend the event. Valid Parent/Guardian signatures are required; however Teacher signatures are NOT necessary on this permission slip.
2. Any student wishing to participate in the event on FRIDAY must fill out the "Assumption of Risk, Covenant Not to Sue and Release Form" AND "Authority to Provide Emergency Medical Treatment Form" provided by Kettering University. These forms must be PRINTED and given to Brandi WITH your permission slip.
3. All Students and Mentors attending the event must RSVP here: <http://goo.gl/forms/RrNxKM89gK> (also available on the Team Hub), so Brandi can arrange appropriate transportation, meals, etc.
4. All required forms are available in the "Team Documents" section of the "Team Hub" (on the website), available at <http://www.team2337.com/team-hub.html>, and click on 2015-2016 TEAM DOCUMENTS

### Transportation:

1. Event location: Kettering University's Connie and Jim John Recreation Center, 1700 West University Avenue, Flint, MI.
2. The Team will be meeting at Premier Tooling Systems to caravan to the event
3. **WE ARE IN NEED OF PARENT DRIVERS. If we do not get enough parent drivers for this event, Students will have to be responsible for their own transportation. If you can volunteer to drive, please fill out the RSVP form linked above, and indicate that you can drive students. Brandi will contact you to let you know if you've been assigned the role of a driver.**
4. Students may NOT drive any other student(s). NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Free parking for guests is available at the Recreation Center in Lot 3 (behind the Rec Center and Thompson Hall. Enter off of Chevrolet), and admission is free.
6. Please be punctual! Students who are not present at the time of departure will lose the opportunity to carpool with the rest of the team.
7. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the location indicated on the schedule of events each day.
8. Students being transported to and/or from the event by a driver that has NOT been assigned by Brandi must complete the Ride Home/Release form.
  - a. This form must be obtained from Brandi in person, and will NOT be e-mailed out or distributed in electronic format.
  - b. Forms must be turned in WITH permission slip, on or before the permission slip due date.

### Food:

*Friday:*

1. Students and Mentors should eat lunch or a snack prior to leaving for the competition.
2. Concessions will be available for dinner on Friday night. If you wish to eat at the competition, you must bring money to purchase your own food or bring a packed meal to eat at the event.

*Saturday:*

1. Students and Mentors should eat breakfast at home prior to travel (if desired).
2. The Team will be providing lunch on Saturday. Menu will include BBQ chicken sandwiches, chips and bottled water.
  - a. If you don't like this meal option, you may either pack your own or bring money to purchase concessions.
  - b. The Team will not be responsible for providing a meal for you if you are not willing to or unable to eat the meal provided.
3. Dinner will not be provided.
4. Outside food is permitted in the arena, so you may pack a meal or a snack for any day.
5. We STRONGLY encourage Students to bring and use a reusable water bottle that is CLEARLY labeled with his/her name, and stay hydrated throughout the event.



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### Uniform:

1. Students and Mentors may wear a team Hoodie or jacket on any day
2. Students and Team Mentors and visitors **MUST** wear safety glasses while in the Pit Area, and are responsible for bringing their own! A limited quantity of safety glasses is available for purchase for \$1.00 each. See Brandi at a Team meeting to purchase.
3. Students, Team Mentors, and any guests in attendance must wear closed-toe tennis shoes or boots to the event. Sandals, Crocs and open-toed or open-heeled shoes are NOT permitted in the pit area.
4. Recommended Shirt Schedule: Black shirts on Friday, and Red Shirts on Saturday.
  - a. If you do not have a red and black shirt, please just wear a Team shirt on Friday AND Saturday.
5. Additional Team shirts are available for purchase for \$8.00 each.
  - a. Sizes and colors are limited, see Brandi to purchase at any Team meeting.
  - b. Accepted methods of payment: cash or check/money order payable to GBCS

### Other Considerations:

1. Students, Mentors, Parents, and Guests are expected to be on their best behavior while with the Team, and must adhere to the Team Member Contract at all times. Per these agreements, any behavior or action(s) deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the Team (at the discretion of Head Mentors or School Liaison), will result in the Student's immediate dismissal from the competition. The Team will not be responsible for transporting the Student home; he/she must be picked up by his/her parents. The Team will NOT cover any cost to send a Student home due to inappropriate behavior.
2. The buddy system must be used at all times, and Students may NOT leave the building unless they have checked out with Brandi AND have adult supervision. Students who are in violation of these policies may be sent home.
3. Public displays of affection between Students is not permitted.
4. While in the Pit area, any guest under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
5. The venue will be equipped with stadium-style bleacher seating. Please take into consideration any provisions that may need to be made for your personal comfort. Bleacher Chairs (\$40) and Seat Cushions (\$5) with the Team logo are for sale, too.
6. The event tends to be loud. Ear plugs are available in our Team's Pit (see Lily), or you may bring your own ear protection.
7. Words to the Team's "Math Cheer":
  - E to the X to the X*
  - E to the Y to the Y*
  - Secant, Tangent, Cosine, Sine*
  - Three Point One Four One Five Nine*
  - Go NERDs, Go NERDs, EngiNERDs!*



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### Tentative Schedule of Events

*Thursday, September 17, 2015*

| Time             | Description  |
|------------------|--|
| 4:00pm           | Meet at Kettering University   |
| 4:00pm – 7:30pm* | Field Set-Up (pizza dinner provided)   |
| 7:30pm-ish*      | Students must be picked up at Kettering as soon as field set-up is complete. This may end earlier or later, depending on how many people show up and how hard they work. |

*Friday, September 18, 2015*

| Time            | Description   |
|-----------------|---|
| 2:45pm          | Meet at Premier Tooling Systems, ready for caravan              |
| 2:50pm          | Leave for Kettering University                                  |
| 3:00pm          | Arrive at Kettering   |
| 3:00pm – 9:00pm | Practice matches, Mentor Contest, Team Social, Dinner, etc.     |
| 9:00pm          | Event Ends, doors close, depart for Grand Blanc                 |
| 9:20pm          | Arrive at Premier Tooling Systems, Students should be picked up |

*Saturday September 19, 2015*

| Time             | Description  |
|------------------|--|
| 6:30am           | Meet at Premier Tooling Systems  |
| 6:40am           | Depart for Kettering University  |
| 7:00am           | Arrive at Kettering University, Flint, MI  |
| 7:30am           | Drivers' Meeting   |
| 8:00am           | Opening Ceremonies   |
| 8:30am - Noon    | Qualification Rounds   |
| Noon – 12:30pm   | Lunch Break  |
| 12:30pm – 3:30pm | Qualification Matches  |
| 3:30pm           | Alliance Selection   |
| 4:00pm – 7:00pm  | Elimination Matches  |
| 7:00pm*          | Awards and Closing Ceremonies  |
| After Awards     | Assist with Clean-Up and Tear Down (we must stay until the ENTIRE field is torn down. Students should expect to stay the whole time, and assist the Team(s) with tear down and cleanup. We do not have to load the trailer.) |
| 9:00pm*          | Depart Kettering University  |
| 9:30pm*          | Arrive at Premier Tooling Systems, Students should be picked up  |

\* Times are estimated, and subject to change based on flow of rounds.